Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) Yes.

(b) The pay of an Assistant Surgeon on the grade of Rs. 125—200.

(c) Not possible. The amount gained is being used for medical relief works.

Mental Hospital—insufficiency of accommodation.

310. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there is any truth in the following statement which appeared in the Keralan of the 8th September last:— "ഭ്രാന്താസ്പത്രിയിൽ ഒരു മുറിയിൽ അഞ്ചും ആറും രോഗികളെ പൂട്ടി അന്യോന്യം കടിക്കാനും അടിക്കാനും ഇടവരുത്തുന്നതു കഷ്ടമല്ലെ";

(2) what is the present number of the inmates of the Mental Hospital and how many rooms are there in the hospital to accommodate the patients;

(3) what steps do Government propose to take to relieve the congestion in the Mental Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(1) In the female block, on account of the scarcity of single rooms, 4 and 5 patients are accommodated in each room but only after studying the condition and temperament of the patients. They are so grouped as to prevent assault and fight. So the latter part of the statement is not true.

(2) 52 rooms and 116 inmates at present.

(3) Orders have been passed to construct single cells.

Rural dispensaries—average daily attendance of patients.

311. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the average daily attendance of patients in each of the rural dispensaries in the last three years?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

	1108.	1109.	1110.
Tattamangalam	16·69	32·72	29·97
Chelakkara	25·0	28·0	35·0
Pattikad	32·2	35.1	26·0
Velur	20·58	29.19	29·74
Cherpu	25·0	23·0	26·5

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